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Dear Dr. Dunn;

After a summer which I feel has been very profitable I am running away from the beaten path a bit for a two weeks visit in Taos, New Mexico. I shall be back! And in time for the opening of activities at Columbia.

The entire summer was spent on the behavior of microorganisms - reading and experimenting. I am beginning to look with substantial appreciation at the problems which they present, and to feel that the yeasts are very exciting indeed. In preparation is a report on my summer's work which will cover experiments and ideas for future experiments. I am anxious to attempt a formulated presentation in order to obtain as much critical suggestion as possible. I have already talked with Wald, Thimann, and Cap Weston but not at very great length. All three were most enthusiastic.

I might add that Fisher was of no help this summer since he has in preparation a magnum opus on yeast physiology, and isn't

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talking about it. His non-communicative state was no doubt precipitated by our both having discovered the inhibitory effect of *p*-amino benzoic acid on respiration.

In spite of disappointment that a clearly inhibitory effect with this vitamin is irrefragably Fishers' discovery, I am anticipating his paper with great pleasure. It means that attempting by-pass in cellular respiration has been clarified by his experiments. The work is so close to the problems which interest me that I might have had to spend a great deal of time on respiration in order to explore the more fundamental genetic considerations.

I hope to have shortly in your hands a complete report.

I am sending Miss Terzian my address in case anything unexpected occurs which would necessitate an earlier return to New York.

Sincerely yours,
Auritt Taylor